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CALIF. REPUBLICAN PARTY TURNS SHARPLY TO THE RIGHT WITH THE ELECTION OF MIKE SCHROEDER.

Editor's note: Michael Schroeder of Orange Co. is the new chairman of the Calif. Republican Party(CRP). What does his election signal and where will he take the CRP in the next two years? Here is our analysis...

...With the election of Schroeder, conspiracy buffs will have a field day because now GOPers from Orange Co. are in almost total control of the political apparatus of Republican Party politics in the State. The other chief-tains from Orange Co. are Senate GOP Leader Rob Hurtt and Assembly GOP Leader Curt Pringle. It's not necessarily a bad thing unless: a) you're from the more moderate wing of the GOP; or b) happen to be on this group's *political hit list*...

...In all fairness to Schroeder, he's worked very hard over the past 6 years to get this job. In 1993, he was the CRP Treasurer under Chair Tirso Del Junco and then was elected CRP Vice Chair, serving under the immediate past chair, John Herrington. And don't forget, Schroeder also was chair of the conservative CA Republican Assembly --- the largest GOP volunteer group in Calif. which does the grunt work which so many *country club Republicans* don't or won't do...

...Schroeder's political philosophy is much closer to former Chair Jim Dignan than to either Del Junco or Herrington - both of whom would probably be classified as mainstream conservatives. Dignan and Schroeder are hardliners --- from the CRA's School of Politics, which is not Big Tent...

...Will Schroeder take the party down his path or try to reach out? He says he wants to mend fences with the very political blocs that were so turned off by the 1996 GOP message: new immigrant voters, Asians and Hispanic voters. But remember, Schroeder is assisting for-

mer Congressman Bob Dornan in his efforts to prove that there was massive voter fraud in Orange Co. involving new citizen and Hispanic voters...

...And how will Schroeder cope with Calif.'s new *Open Primary Law*? He says if the legal challenge doesn't work, he'll try to get rid of the primary altogether and go to a Statewide convention to nominate candidates. Moderate Republicans will scream bloody murder if this ever comes to pass...

...FYI: **Calpeek** sources say all this talk about doing away with partisan primaries may be difficult to achieve because it may well require legislation to allow candidates picked by convention to appear on a general election ballot. This would require the CRP to get help from Demos. And with Demos in control, you can just image what's going to happen: GOPers running to Senate PPT Bill Lockyer and Assembly Speaker Cruz Bustamante -- some yelling for protections, others asking the Demo leaders to support the convention plan. It reminds you of the days when some GOPers would go running to then Speaker Willie Brown for protection from their Republican colleagues. Stay tuned...

PART 6: CITY OF SAN DIEGO WINS THE BIG ONE.

Editor's note: This week in Part VI of our continuing series on *public funding of sports facilities*, we'll recap the legal & political events in San Diego and update the L.A. vs. Inglewood battle. Here's our analysis...

...On Feb. 20th, San Diego Superior Ct. Judge Anthony Joseph ruled that the city's \$60 million revenue bond deal to pay for the expansion of Jack Murphy Stadium was valid and not subject to a public vote. Thus the NFL's Chargers and Super Bowl XXXII (set for January '98) will remain in San Diego --- and Mayor Susan Golding can now breathe a little easier, knowing that her '98 run for the GOP's U.S. Senate nomination hasn't

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fallen apart before it even got off the ground. As for ex Councilman Bruce Henderson, who played the part of fiscal watchdog, claiming that the contract between the Chargers and the city was a bad deal, he'll now try to change the city charter to require future votes on these kinds of deals...

...Did the referendum and legal action have to happen? NO. In the view of some stadium opponents, Golding and the council majority were politically foolish in not placing the original \$60 million package before voters. But Golding & the council were acting legally when they approved the revenue bonds without a public vote and the CA Supreme Court agreed...

...By comparison, San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown and the Board of Supes on Feb. 18th placed the S.F. 49ers stadium/shopping mall deal for \$100 million in revenue bonds on the upcoming June 3rd ballot. It will be an uphill battle, but Brown's view is that when using the public's money, they have the right to vote. That's why Brown is a very savvy politician...

◆ **Inglewood vs. L.A.** - It now appears that the battle between Inglewood & L.A. over the NBA's Lakers and the NHL's Kings may be over for the time being, with L.A. the apparent winner. Kings officials (read that as Kings owners Edward Roski & Philip Anschutz) will put all their eggs into L.A.'s basket with a proposed 20,000-seat, \$200-million sports & concert arena in downtown L.A. Prediction: if the L.A. arena deal is ever subjected to a vote, it will lose. Despite the apparent setback, Inglewood is moving ahead with plans to win voter approval of 3 tax hikes on the April 1st ballot. Money from these taxes would go to a new arena in Inglewood. Consultant Rick Taylor will soon drop his first mail to voters, urging a yes vote...

...FYI: A little background on Philip Anschutz. He's a real estate/RR billionaire from Denver. In 1995, he came very close to buying a 50% interest in the Denver Avalanche NHL team. When the deal fell through, he purchased the Kings. Politically, in 1992, he was the largest contributor (\$10,000) to Colorado for Family Values, backers of Amendment 2 on the Colorado ballot -- an anti-gay/lesbian initiative which was approved, but overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1996...

◆ **New Legislation** - Assemblyman Mike Sweeney

(D-Hayward) has introduced AB 338. It has 3 key parts: **1)** requires a pro sports team to notify its home city of any relocation offers within 7 days; **2)** gives the home city/county a year to make a matching offer, during which time the pro team is prohibiting from leaving; and **3)** allows the city or county to go to court to enforce the law. Stay tuned...

SPRING '97 ELECTIONS: CITY & COUNTY CONTESTS.

Editor's note: Here is Part VI of Calpeek's continuing coverage of city & county Spring Elections...

☒ **Burbank** - Results are in from the Feb. 25th election. Reelected were Mayor Bill Wiggins and Councilman Dave Golonski. Also elected to the city council was Stacy Murphy, wife of former Councilman Tim Murphy...

☒ **Sacramento** - In the Mar. 4th special election to replace former Councilwoman Deborah Ortiz (now in the State Assembly) in Sacto's 5th District, the 4-candidate battle is in reality only a 2-person race: ARB mgr. Genevieve Shiroma, who is backed by Mayor Joe Serna and ex mayors Phil Isenberg & Anne Rudin (+ Ortiz); and Lauren Hammond, who is supported by Sacto's public safety establishment (read that as the Sacto Police Officers Assn. + Firefighters Local #522). The public safety groups are backing Hammond because she'd be the key council vote on important public safety issues. An April runoff is likely. Stay tuned...

L.A. CITY ELECTION: WHAT ARE UNIONS DOING?

Editor's note: Front page story in the Feb. 26th edition of the L.A. Times: **Riordan Wins Labor Board's Endorsement**. This endorsement by L.A. County Federation of Labor's COPE (Cmt. On Political Education) was a shock to many political insiders. Here's our brief report & analysis...

...The county federation of labor represents some 320 local unions, with a combined membership of more than 700,000. So the endorsement of L.A. Mayor Richard Riordan, a Republican, caught many insiders off guard, especially since Riordan's chief rival, Demo State Sen. Tom Hayden, had just recently won the endorsement of Local #347 SEIU, which represents about 120,000 city workers. Hayden tried to downplay the COPE endorsement, but it's very significant and signals a continuation of a trend by organized labor at the local level...

...Sources see COPE's endorsement of Riordan as a very *pragmatic* decision and not one based on ideology. Indeed, Riordan is very pro-business, is opposed to labor's *living wage proposal* and generally favors *contracting out*, where feasible. On the other hand, Riordan favors the proposed *downtown arena plan* and other major construction projects --- and this sits well with the *building trades unions* - key players at the Federation...

...Another example of labor backing a conservative Republican at the *local level* was in 1996, when labor supported L.A. Co. Supe candidate *Don Knabe*. This was another decision where pragmatism won out over ideology at the local level. You don't generally see labor making these kinds of endorsements at the State or Federal level...

...Will COPE's decision stand? Or will it be overturned by the general membership of the Federation???

...FYI: The 11 a.m., Mar. 13th Riordan vs. Hayden debate on Century Cable TV will be carried live on *KNX Radio* (1070 am). The L.A. City election primary is April 8th. Stay tuned...

FUN & GAMES IN THE CAPITOL: PRINGLE'S WORLD.

Editor's note: In last week's *Calpeek* we briefly noted that GOP Assemblyman *Tom Bordonaro Jr.* of Paso Robles was out after GOP Assembly Leader *Curt Pringle's* political scalp. On Feb. 25th, there was a more detailed story by *L.A. Times* staffer Max Vanzi about Pringle's problems within the GOP Assembly Caucus. Here's our brief update & analysis...

...Most of Pringle's political troubles date back to the Nov. 5th election, when Republicans lost control of the Assembly. Lots of criticism was aimed at him, but when the new session reconvened in January, there was not any talk of a revolt --- until...

...Assemblywoman *Barbara Alby* of Sacto walked into the first Rules Committee meeting of the year, only to find out that she was no longer on the Rules Committee. She'd been replaced *without notification* by Pringle. Is that any way to treat CA's GOP Nat'l Committeewoman? Then Bordonaro & *Steve Kuykendall* were dropped from their leadership jobs. These folks were *not happy campers* and that's how this revolt started...

...Although he says he'll wait for Pringle to step down, our sources believe Bordonaro may have as many as **12** supporters, with **19** needed to replace Pringle. Another **7-9** GOP members are *fence sitting*. Other GOP members interested in replacing Pringle include *Keith Olberg* and *Jim Battin*, both from the Inland Empire. As for Pringle, he's *termed out* in '98, so he's looking at *Bob Dornan's* 46th CD seat or the Orange Co. Bd. of Supes. Correction from last week: *Gilliard, Blanning & Assoc.* were set to work for 46th CD candidate *Lisa Hughes*, but backed away because of Pringle's interest in the 46th CD. Pringle is a longtime GB&A client...

...FYI: *The Loyalty List Brouhaha*. This is a list which is floating around the Capitol (and was faxed to *Calpeek*) which contains the names of **58** GOP policy staffers and Members Services staffers who held onto their jobs after the Demo takeover. Next to each name is a *loyalty rating*. Pringle says this list is a phony, designed to embarrass him. Others aren't buying that explanation. On the bottom of this list it says: *please notify TEAM immediately if staff falls below 60%*. "TEAM" means *team player* totally loyal to Pringle.

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POLLING DATA ON BILL CLINTON & PETE WILSON.

Editor's note: This short update will be of interest to all you *poll junkies*. About the polling data: *Los Angeles Times Poll* (Feb. 14-16, 1,009 adults); *Field Poll* (Feb. 11-17, 1,045 adults)...

❑ **Pres. Bill Clinton** - New numbers on The President's *job performance*:

LAT: 59% approve; 34% disapp.; 7% don't know...

Field: 59% approve; 29% disapp.; 12% no opinion...

❑ **CA Gov. Pete Wilson** - New numbers on the CA chief executive's *job performance*:

LAT: 43% approve; 44% disapp.; 13% don't know...

Field: 27% good; 29% fair; 39% poor; 5% n/o...

CHECCHI TO ADDRESS CALIF. LEXINGTON GROUP.

Demo businessman Al Checchi will address members of the Calif. Lexington Group, 12 noon, Mar. 14, Jade West Restaurant, Century City. For info & RSVPs, ☎ Paulette Surjue-Lindo at (310)312-4000, ext. 4634...

CALPEEK'S INFOBAHN: POLITICAL SHORT TAKES.

Editor's note: Here are a few political items worth noting...

■ ***New CPR Officers*** - Aside from Mike Schroeder being elected as Chair of the CA Republican Party, other new officers include: John McGraw, vice chair; Bok Pon, vice chair North; Michael Der Manouel, vice chair Central; Celeste Greig, vice chair South; Shawn Steel, treasurer; Gerry Snyder, secretary; and Kathy Walker, president of the county chairs association. FYI: New CRP Exec. Director is Richard Lambros, who ran for the 56th AD last year. Also said to be on Schroeder's *short list* for ED was Jeff Flint, a top aide to GOP Assembly Leader Curt Pringle. But Flint was axed by AG Dan Lungren(R). Why? Perhaps because Flint is an unindicted co-conspirator in the case against Rhonda Carmony, U.S. Rep. Dana Rohrabacher's fiancée, who is awaiting trial in connection with alleged voter fraud charges arising out of the 67th AD recall of Doris Allen in '95...

■ ***Hi-Tech Politics*** - The Calif. Technology Alliance (the other CTA), is in *transition* -- from its heady days in the fall of '96 battling and defeating Prop. 211 (the securities fraud initiative). John Doerr remains the chair, but sources say the PAC's name will be changed because the *alliance* is going ***national***. While 80-90% of the membership comes from Calif., the PAC's leadership wants to expand to TX, VA, OR, MA and IN; other hi-tech areas in the U.S...

■ ***And in this Corner*** - A so-called "peace conference" at S.F. City Hall in mid-February broke out in a fight between consultants Jack Davis & Robert Barnes, with Mayor Willie Brown being knocked to the floor as the two consultants tangled, this according to several sources who called **Calpeek** with this news. The details of the brawl were carried in the *Matier & Ross* column in the S.F. Chronicle. What caused the fight? Barnes called Sen. Quentin Kopp(I-SF) a "racist homophobe," at which point Davis went nuts. Davis is a

longtime Kopp ally and friend. FYI: both Barnes and Davis are gay. Both now regret the incident, according *Matier & Ross* and other sources...

■ ***New Initiative*** - CA Secretary of State has given the OK for Ruth Bryant White, VP of *A Place for Us/National*, based in Gardena (213)779-1717, to begin collecting 693,230 valid signatures for her measure titled **State Forms. Multiracial/Multiethnic Category. Initiative Constitutional Amendment**. This measure requires that any form sent out by the State include categories of ethnic identifications...

■ ***Richest in Congress*** - Roll Call, Capitol Hill's newspaper, has come out with its list of the **50 richest** members of the 105th Congress. The richest is U.S. Sen. John Kerry(D-MA) - \$800 million. Here's where our Calif. members stand: 5th - U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein(D) - \$50 million; 11th - U.S. Rep. Ellen Tauscher (D-Contra Costa Co.) - \$23 million; 16th - U.S. Rep. Jane Harman(D-Torrance) - \$15 million; 17th - U.S. Rep. Nancy Pelosi(D-S.F.) - \$13 million; and 49th - U.S. Rep. Sonny Bono(R-Palm Springs) - \$2 million...

NEW JOBS, ADDRESSES AND PERSONNEL NOTICES.

Editor's note: Here are some items to mark down in your notebook...

● Tony Quinn has jumped from Braun Ketchum PR in Sacto to Goddard*Claussen/1st Tuesday, where he will be a vp. Need to reach Tony? ☎(916)448-4200..

● The Sacto chpt. of the IABC has awarded the Sacto office of Stoorza Ziegaus Metzger & Hunt 2 Crystal Communications awards and a Crystal Award of Merit for 3 p/a campaigns conducted by the firm...

● New White House political director is Craig Smith 38, who was p/d for Clinton/Gore '96. Karen Skelton, VP Al Gore's p/d, will be Smith's deputy, as will forme DNC p/d Minyon Moore...

● Don L. Manning, sr. vp of CB Commercial Real Estate Group in Sherman Oaks, has been elected president of the American Industrial Real Estate Assn.:

● Former Assemblywoman Barbara Friedman(D-Sherman Oaks) has joined L.A. Care Health Plan as a special asst. to CEO Anthony Rodgers...